

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: STOUGHTON *et al.*

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For: **METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS AND  
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ACTIVATION MEASURES**

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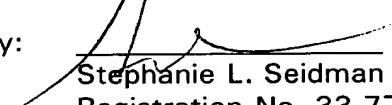
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Preliminary Amendment is filed before receipt of a First Office Action on the merits for the above-captioned application, no fee for filing this statement is due. However, should it be determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 08-1641, for the appropriate fee as stated below:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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